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1. CITY QUIET THIS MORNING EXCEPT FOR FIGHTER JETS AND HELICOPTERS WHICH BEGAN OVERFLYING CITY STARTING ABOUT 0700. NO INFORMATION YET RECEIVED WHETHER THESE AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTION. MEANWHILE, A CLOSE LOOK AT THE MONEDA THIS MORNING CONFIRMS THAT IT IS A GUTTED, BURNED OUT SHELL EXCEPT FOR ONE WING OF FONMINISTRY. OUTER WALLS STAND, BADLY SCARRED BY SHELLS, ROCKETS AND BULLETS, BUT THE ROOFS ARE DOWN AND THE INTERIOR COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

2. JUNTA IS ESTABLISHING PRINCIPAL GOVT OFFICES IN FORMER UNCTAD BUILDING, RENAMED GABRIELA MISTRAL BY ALLENDEO
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AND NOW BAPTIZED "EDIFICIO DIEGO PORTALES" BY JUNTA.

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3. FAMOUS STATUE OF CHE GUEVARA IN SANTIAGO WORKING CLASS SUBURB OF SAN MIGUEL WAS TORN DOWN AND TAKEN AWAY, ALLEGEDLY BY MILITARY UNIT.

4. JUNTA ISSUED EDICT 32 ANNOUNCING ANY PERSON FOUND DISTRIBUTIN SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED BY MILITARY TRIBUNALS UNDER CODE VALID IN TIME OF WAR. EXPANDING ON PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT, GOVT ANNOUNCED THAT AS PART OF GENERAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDA, ANY TYPE OF WALL GRAFFITI IS PROHIBITED. NUMEROUS ANNOUNCEMENTS BEING BROADCAST CALLING ON EXMPLOYEES OF GOVT ENTITIES TO RETURN TO WORK THIS WEEK.

5. TOTAL OF 41 NEW APPOINTMENTS TO SECONDARY AND TERTIARY GOVT POSTS ANNOUNCED (SEPTEL), MOST IN SUCH TECHNICAL POSITIONS AS HEAD OF PORT AUTHORITY AND RAILROADS BUT SOME TO SUBCABINET LEVEL. OF 41, SIX ARE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, EIGHT RETIRED MILITARY OR CARABINERO OFFICERS, AND REST CIVILIANS WHO PRESUMABLY ARE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED. MERCURIO REPORTS NEW UNDERSECFONMINISTRY WILL BE FABIAN VIO VALDIVIESO, FORMER DIPLOMAT IN FREI GOVT WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE CRITIC OF ALLENDE GOVT HANDLING OF BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA.

6. MERCURIO REPORTED EL SALVADOR HAS RECOGNIZED JUNTA. RECOGNITION BY SPAIN WAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

7. A MEXICAN DC-9 AIRCRAFT ARRIVED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT PUDAHUEL AIRPORT TO CARRY ASYLEES FROM THE MEXICAN EMBASSY TO SAFETY IN MEXICO, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S EL MERCURIO (SEPT 16). THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED READY TO DEPART LAST NIGHT WITH PART OF THE TOTAL OF 232 UNNAMED PERSONS SHELTERED BY THE MEXICANS. THE INTENTIONS OF MRS. ALLENDE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY ARE STILL UNKNOWN.

8. EL MERCURIO THIS MORNING REPORTS RETIRED GENERAL CARLOS PRATS DROVE TO MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, CROSSING THE BORDER FROM CHILE IN A PRIVATE AUTO. MENDOZA SOURCES REPORTED HIS APPARENT INTENTION TO GO TO BUENOS AIRES TO
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RESIDE.

9. NO REPORTS OF INJURIES TO ANY AMERICANS.
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